



GREAT BASIN WATER NETWORK

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URGENT ACTION ALERT

STOP THE WATER GRAB BY PROTECTING WATER AND WATER RIGHTS IN SPRING, CAVE, DRY LAKE AND DELAMAR VALLEYS

Thanks to our Nevada Supreme Court victory, the recent water permits of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) were revoked. Twenty-five SNWA applications in the four valleys are now being re-published, which starts a new protest period that ends March 24, 2011. Beginning September 2011, the State Engineer will hold hearings on the affected applications and protests.

This water grab is an attempt to fill a multi-billion dollar pipeline to Las Vegas—taking about 65 billion gallons of limited groundwater every year. This would be destructive to rural communities, sustainable agriculture, and Native American tribes, as well as an environmental disaster in both Nevada and Utah for fish, wildlife, plants, people, and the Great Basin National Park.

Remember the 2010 applications SNWA filed...duplicates of the 1989 ones, which many people protested? Because the State Engineer refused our request to combine the 2010 protests with the 1989 protests, **we must take action once again.**

Which of the following applies to you, and what should you do?

1. **If you, or someone from whom you inherited or purchased property or water rights, protested the 1989 applications, then you do not need to file a new protest to participate in the new hearings.** However, you MUST write the State Engineer telling him that you intend to assert your protest through the new hearings. If you want to add new grounds to your protest, you can amend your protest at no additional cost.
2. **If you protested the 2010 SNWA applications, and/or you want to have your own standing in the new hearings, you must now protest the 1989 applications.** You can use your old protests—just update the application number, add any new grounds for protest, and change any personal information that has changed. The State Engineer requires two original, signed, notarized copies.
3. **If you fit the description above, but prefer not to file new protests, you can join the Great Basin Water Network protests of any or all of the 1989 applications,** saving yourself the expense and trouble of filing and pursuing your own protests. If you choose to do this, please sign the enclosed authorization (*on next page*) and return it to the Great Basin Water Network in the envelope provided. We ask that you make a donation to GBWN to help cover the costs of filing and pursuing the protests—an endeavor that takes a tremendous amount of work and expense.

Whatever you decide to do, all paperwork must be physically in the State Engineer's Office no later than **5 PM, March 24, 2011**. The addresses are:

Jason King, State Engineer 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 2002 Carson City, NV 89701	Jason King, State Engineer 400 Shadow Lane, Suite 201 Las Vegas, NV 89106
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If you are joining GBWN's protests, your information must reach our office, at the address at the top of the page, no later than **March 18, 2011**.

The Great Basin Water Network will provide assistance to help you exercise your rights. Protest workshops will be held at several locations around the state. You can find the schedules, as well as protest forms, on our website at: www.greatbasinwater.org.

If you have questions about your protests, you can email us at: info@greatbasinwaternetnetwork.org or call us at: (775) 786-9955.

Authorization to join Great Basin Water Network Protests

I am joining the GBWN protests of SNWA applications in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar Valleys in eastern Nevada and wish my concerns to be represented by the GBWN in the hearings on those applications.

Signature

Print Name

Address

Email (optional)

Date

Phone

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Mail your form to: *Great Basin Water Network, 1755 Plumb Lane #170, Reno, NV 89502*